

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 26-30, 40-41, and 44 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-25, 31-39, and 42-43 are cancelled.

Claims 26, 27, 29, 40, and 41 are amended.

Allowable Claims

Claim 44 was indicated as allowable. Claim 26 was rewritten in independent form and thus, as indicated by the Examiner, is allowable. Claims 27, 29, 40 and 41 have been amended to depend from Claim 26. Accordingly, Claims 27-30 and 40-41 are believed to be allowable as depending either directly or indirectly from an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

All pending Claims 26-30, 40-41, and 44 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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